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SUBJECT: 58TH UNGA - ZIMBABWE AGREES WITH MOST U.S. INITIATIVES

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1. SUMMARY: On July 10, DCM delivered Reftel demarche to Tadeous Chifamba, Director of Multilateral Affairs in Zimbabwe,s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who raised no objections to any of the U.S. initiatives. Chifamba enthusiastically agreed with the U.S. position on Women & Political Participation and Cloning but had more tempered, yet positive, responses on the other initiatives. END SUMMARY.

2. On July 10, DCM delivered Reftel demarche to Tadeous Chifamba, Director of Multilateral Affairs in Zimbabwe,s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who had no objections to any of the U.S. initiatives. PolOff and Chifamba,s assistant Winnie Moyo were note takers.

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responses to each initiative follow:

A. Women & Political Participation: Chifamba indicated that Zimbabwe would support any initiative that empowers women to become meaningful participants in the political process. He cited Zimbabwe as one of the leaders in sub-Saharan Africa on this score.

B. HIV/AIDS Resolution: Chifamba indicated that Zimbabwe did not object to this initiative but then groused about Zimbabwe,s exclusion from President Bush,s \$15 billion AIDS initiative. He expressed concern that access to HIV/AIDS funds not be politicized, arguing that HIV/AIDS does not respect borders and could easily spread from a funded country to a non-funded country. He said to exclude a country from receiving funds is not humanitarian.

C. Second Committee Reform: Chifamba said Zimbabwe had no problems with reform but argued that the pledged Monterrey funds were inadequate to meet the Summit,s objectives. He also said that although ODA and FDI are welcome, increased market access would do more to aid development. DCM mentioned that AGOA had been successful for participating countries but that it was up to Zimbabwe to meet the eligibility requirements associated with AGOA.

D. Cyber-Crime/Cyber-Security: Chifamba indicated that Zimbabwe was neutral on this issue but he expressed concern over the digital divide and ways to increase connectivity within Zimbabwe.

E. Cloning: Chifamba said Zimbabwe was in &100 percent agreement<sup>8</sup> with the U.S. on banning human embryonic cloning but would like to go beyond that to ban cloning of all life forms. He did not comment to co-sponsorship of a resolution.

F. UN Budget Discipline: Chifamba agreed that the UN needs to exercise some budgetary discipline particularly in the realm of the UN specialized agencies (eg. WFP, UNDP, FAO), which often engage in money-wasting identical projects, but would not agree with the U.S. beyond this area. He said the reform of UNSC membership and rules was a top priority for Zimbabwe, as far as U.N. reform is concerned.  
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